Increased Rates Under War Revenue Bill.

The new revenue bill now in effect increases the old rates very materially, the increase on manufactured tobacco being 6 cents per pound.

The tobacco rates are 12 cents per pound on manufactured tobacco. \$3.60 per 1,000 on cigars weighing more than three pounds per 1,000, \$1.00 per 1,000 on cigars weighing not more than three pounds per 1,000, and \$1.50 per 1,000 on cigarettes; provided, that in lieu of the two, three and four-ounce packages of tobacco and snuff now authorized by law there may be packages thereof containing one and twothirds ounces, two and one-half ounces and three and one-third ounces respectively, and in addition to packages now authorized by law there may be packages containing one ounce of smoking tobacco.

The compromise proviso in regard to the taxation of the stock on hand is as follows: "There shall be assessed and collected, with the exceptions hereinafter in this section provided for, upon all the articles enumerated in this section which were manufactured, imported and removed from factory or custom house before the passage of this act bearing stamps affixed to such articles for the payment of the taxes thereon and cancelled subsequent to April 14, 1898, and which articles were at the time of the passage of this act held and intended for sale by any person, a tax equal to one-half the difference between the tax already paid on such articles at the time of removal from the factory or custom house and the tax levied in this act upon such articles. Dealers having on hand less than 1,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco and 20,000 cigars or cigarettes on the day succeeding the date of passage of the bill are relieved from the necessity of making returns and thus relieved from the necessity of paying the tax."

VESUVIUS.

Naval Experts Not Sure She Isn't Deadly at the Breech.

The advocates of the dynamite gun as a weapon of war are urging the authorities to bring the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius into more active service where she can demonstrate her ability against fortifications at Santiago and other points of attack. The Vesuvius has on board three sizes of dynamite projectiles, namely, those carrying 500 pounds of dynamite, 200 pounds and 100 pounds.

Some of the naval officers think the Vesuvius has not trained her guns upon Santiago thus far because of the feeling of danger which attends to the handling of these guns. It is said that if a Spanish shot pierced the Vesuvius and got into herdynamite magazine it would result in a terrific explosion and the wiping out of ship, officers and crew. There is a considerable hesitancy also over firing these huge masses of dynamite, as naval officers believe that it has not yet been proved that they will not explode before getting under way.

These are some of the causes leading up to the lack of service of this cruiser. There is a desire, however, to find out one way or the other what dynamite will accomplish in warfare and the appeals which have been made probably will result in bringing the Vesuvius into the ranks of the fighting ships.

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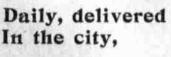
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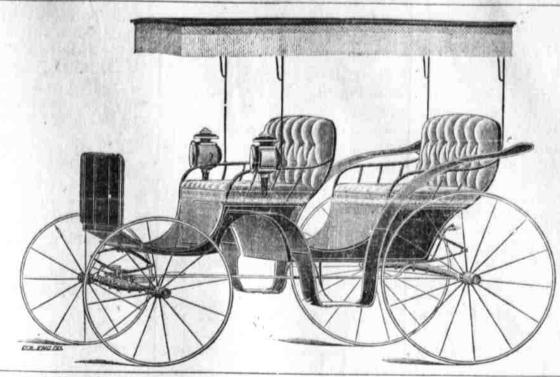
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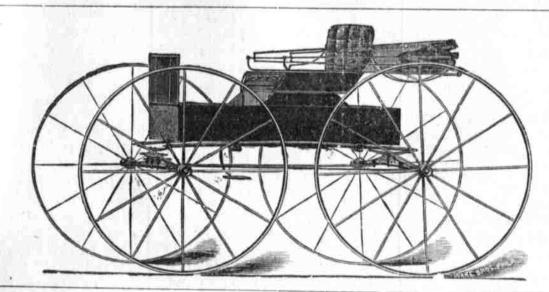
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